

By Mike Burrows.

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HENRY S. KING & COMPANY

667 H.S.K./&Co.  
12,10,10/12,8,6      4½ (IIIa)

Stamps Known

Postmark Fig. 2.  
1874 (August 10th) (S.G.51  
Scott 32) 1½d rose-red  
plate 3.

1.2    K                10                5

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Branch cancellations, two

examples are shown in Figures 3 & 4. When this perfins superceded  
No. 667 is not known, but 1d lilac (S.G.172 : Scott 89) and 1½d  
(S.G.167 : Scott 80) exists on piece cancelled London MAR 5 1883.

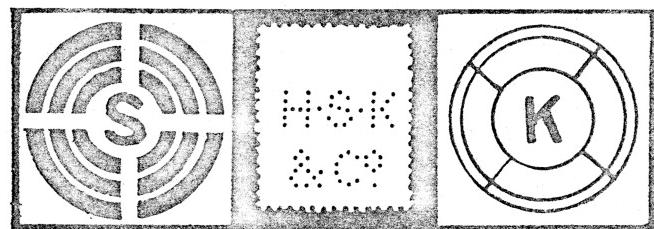
WILLIAM DAWSON & SONS

437 D.S.                11,10                6½

Postmark Fig. 5.  
1884 (1st April)  
1½d lilac (SG 188 : Scott 99)  
2d lilac (SG 189 : Scott 100)  
1887 (1st January)  
6d purple (SG 208: Scott 119)

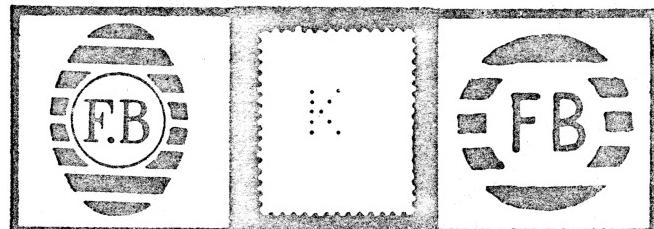
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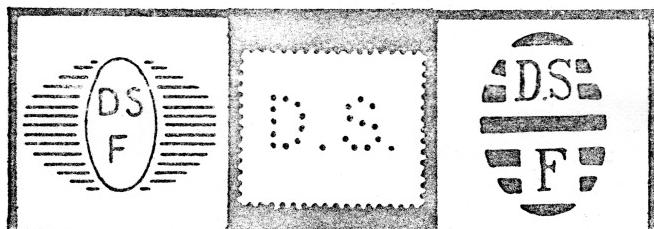
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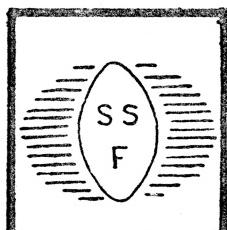
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# Cancellations Identifying Perfins by Michael J. Burrows

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HENRY S. KING & CO. Postmark, Figure 2  
667. H.S.K./&C. 12, 10, 10/12, 8, 6 4½ (IIIa)  
1874 (August 10) 1½d. rose-red plate 3  
(SG 51, Scott 32)

1.2 K 10 5

This Perfin can be found with a variety of Foreign Branch cancellations. Two examples are shown in Figures 3 and 4. When this Perfin superseded 667 is not known. However, a 1d. lilac (SG 172, Scott 89) and 1½d. venetian red (SG 167, Scott 80) exist on piece cancelled in London on March 5, 1883.

WILLIAM DAWSON & SONS Postmark, Figure 5  
437. D.S. 11, 10 6½  
1884 (April 1) 1½d. lilac (SG 188,  
Scott 99)  
2d. lilac (SG 189,  
Scott 100)  
1887 (January 1) 6d. purple (SG 208,  
Scott 119)

## W. H. SMITH & SONS

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A copy of the British Perfin Catalog has been purchased by the Club and will be available for all members in the Club Library.



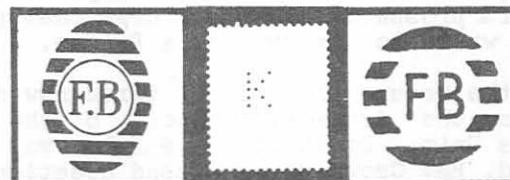
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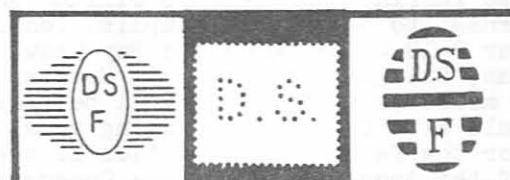
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